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FOR PROCESSING INTERRUPTIONS)
IN A DATA TRANSMISSION)
OVER A BUS)

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In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 4.

Please add new Claims 5 to 22.

5. A computer system comprising:
 - a master apparatus; and
 - a slave apparatus for communicating with said master apparatus and communicating via the universal serial bus (USB) protocol, said slave apparatus comprising

a sending/receiving circuit for sending and receiving binary information to and from said master apparatus and supplying status signals based thereon,

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